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SUBJECT: EXIT VISAS FOR U.S. CORRESPONDENTS

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REF: A. MOSCOW 1398 B. MOSCOW 2203, 2/14/74 C. MOSCOW 0585

1. CBS MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT RICHARD ROTH REPORTS THAT MFA PRESS DIVISION RECENTLY HAS CHANGED USUAL PRACTICE WITH REGARD TO ISSUING OF HIS EXIT/REENTRY VISAS. PREVIOUS PRACTICE WAS TO ISSUE SUCH VISA GOOD FOR ONE EXIT AND REENTRY ANY TIME DURING A THREE-MONTH PERIOD. MOST RECENT APPLICATION WAS RETURNED WITH ONLY ONE WEEK PERIOD FOR EXIT, SINCE ROTH'S SUPERIORS REQUIRE HIM TO MAINTAIN VALID EXIT VISA AT ALL TIMES, PRACTICAL EFFECT OF THIS NEW POLICY WILL BE TO REQUIRE HIM TO APPLY ONCE EACH WEEK FOR NEW VISA. SINCE SUCH APPLICATIONS NORMALLY TAKE 2 TO 3 DAYS TO PROCESS, HE WILL OBVIOUSLY BE WITHOUT VALID VISA MOST OF TIME, IN ADDITION TO ENDLESS TIME LOST PURSUING APPLICATIONS THROUGH SOVIET BUREAUCRACY.

2. ROTH RELATES HE GIVEN NO EXPLANATION FOR CHANGE IN PREVIOUS PRACTICE, BEYOND STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT "REGULATIONS BEING APPLIED HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED." HE PLANS TAKE MATTER UP WITH PRESS DIVISION AGAIN IN NEAR FUTURE.

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3. ROTH PLANS ALSO RAISE MATTER AT AMBASSADOR'S REGULAR PRESS BRIEFING MARCH 21.

4. EMBASSY CANVASSING OTHER US CORRESPONDENTS TO ASCERTAIN IF CHANGE IN PROCEDURE BEING APPLIED IN GENERAL OR JUST TO SELECTED INDIVIDUALS OR JUST TO ROTH. PLAN ALSO TO RAISE QUESTION WITH MFA PRESS DIVISION.

5. DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED IN FORM OF 1) BACK-GROUND ON CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING ISSUANCE OF VISAS AND TRAVEL PERMISSION FOR SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS IN US (SEE REFTEL REQUESTS), AND 2) SUGGESTIONS FOR RECIPROCAL COUNTER-MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED SHOULD PROBLEM PERISIT.  
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